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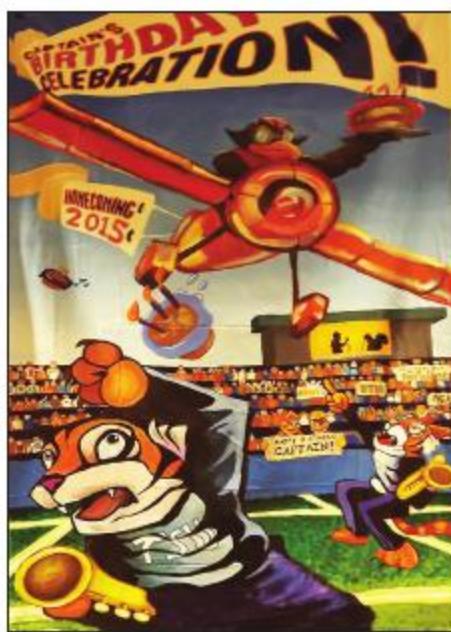
*The Pacer* is celebrating Captain Skyhawk's 20th birthday with Throwback Thursday. Check out reprints of *Pacer* articles from all the way back in 1995!



# Viewpoints

## EDITORIAL

### Happy 20th birthday, Captain Skyhawk!



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This year Captain Skyhawk turns 20. Captain Skyhawk was "born" as UTM's mascot in the fall of 1995. In this issue, not only are we celebrating Captain Skyhawk's birthday, but we're also celebrating the entire decade in which he was born ... the '90s. This special Throwback Thursday edition of *The Pacer* features two retro articles from Vol. 67 of *The Pacer*, and you also will be able to read about '90s pop culture in this section. So get out and enjoy the rest of homecoming week and the Captain's birthday bash.

#### Friday, Oct. 9

- 3:30 p.m. - Rope Pull championships, Pacer Pond
- 6 p.m. - Volleyball vs. Morehead State, Skyhawk Fieldhouse
- 7 p.m. - University Choirs Dessert Evening, Fine Arts Building (admission: \$18 for adults, \$12 for children ages 12 and under)
- 7 p.m. - Pyramid and Pep Rally, Kathleen and Tom Elam Center (admission: \$5)

#### Saturday, Oct. 10

- 7:30 a.m. - Letter Winners' Breakfast

and Hall of Fame inductions, Student Life Center (admission)

- 9 a.m. - Chancellor's Brunch and Awards Program, Paul Meek Library

- 10:30 a.m. - Quad City open, judging begins

- 11 a.m. - Football team's "Hawk Walk," near Paul Meek Library

- 2:30 p.m. - Football game vs. Tennessee State University, Hardy M. Graham Stadium

- 5:30 p.m. - Black Alumni Reception, Bob Carroll Football Building

- 7 p.m. - Young Alumni Reception, The Stables in downtown Martin

- 7 p.m. - NPHC Step Show, Kathleen and Tom Elam Center (admission)

- 7 p.m. - University Choirs Dessert Evening, Fine Arts Building (admission)

#### Sunday, Oct. 11

- 10 a.m. - "Walk in the Quad"
- 10:30 a.m. - Homecoming brunch, Skyhawk Dining Hall, Boling University Center

Happy Birthday, Captain Skyhawk!

## COLUMNS

### Is video game addiction among students a problem?

**Brittney Burress**

Guest Writer

When does video gaming go to far? Video game addiction is a real and serious problem. Many college students, particularly males, are addicted to video games. The addiction is causing a negative effect on these students' grades and social lives.

Our generation has grown up with and seen the evolution of popular technology and video games. Most of us have been playing video games since we were young children, and the hobby has stuck with us. Games like The Legend of Zelda, Tomb Raider, Mario Kart, Spyro the Dragon and many more were new and exciting when we were young and excitable. And with the invention of handheld consoles

like the Game Boy, we were able to enjoy the hobby away from a TV. With laptops and cell phones nowadays, it's even more possible for an addict to game virtually 24/7.

I have seen the effects that gaming can have on students. I had a good friend of mine who would play video games from the time he woke up, which was usually late since he stayed up all night gaming, to the time he went to bed. As a result, he lost his lottery scholarship, his girlfriend, several good friends and had to move back in with his parents.

Research scientist Dr. Douglas A. Gentile examined the video game usage rates of 3,034 students. He concluded that the average time spent per week playing video games was 20 hours, and that 72 percent of American households play video games.

Nine percent of the students from the study showed signs of addiction, and four percent of the students played over 50 hours per week.

In a study completed by Pew Research Center, 27 colleges in the United States participated in an anonymous survey about their gaming habits. They concluded that 65 percent of college students play video games.

Collin Pruitt, junior accounting and finance major at UTM, said, "I play video games three to four times a week for around an hour or so each time. Video games can be very addictive and also very time-consuming. They also take away time from more important activities like doing my homework and studying."

According to a psychology study, college students who played an average of 10 hours of video games per week had an average GPA one full point below students that didn't play video games.

Drake Vincent, senior business management major at UTM, said, "I usually play around four hours a week. During the weekdays, I don't play much, but when the weekend rolls around, I play a lot. Video gaming can be very addicting, but shouldn't get in the way of your studies."

Not everyone who plays video games has a problem. I think it could be a good way to pass time with friends. However, I think it is a good idea to not play more than 30 minutes a day or more than twice a week.

### Why do we suffer from '90s nostalgia?

**Chance Farmer**

Co-Executive Editor

No doubt, the 1990s were a magical time to be alive.

The '90s had great music, great TV shows, great taste in clothes and haircuts, and were just the bomb in general. Of all the generations though, we '90s kids seem to romanticize about the decade more than any other generation. The question is why?

Why do we think so highly of our childhood in the '90s? What makes the '90s so special compared to decades prior or since? What made it such a great time to be alive? There's actually quite a few reasons why we romanticize the '90s so much.

Yeah, it's a bit cliché to say that "it was a much simpler time," but the '90s were actually much simpler. Technology, as we know it today, wasn't really that big of a deal. Cell phones existed, but they were huge, bulky and impractical. The main form of communication was still a landline telephone. The Internet was still in its infancy, so nobody had really figured out its capabilities or the endless possibilities it presented. You were limited to dial-up internet, so it took at least 10 minutes to load a single webpage. Even then, you had a good chance of being kicked off because someone was using the telephone.

The '90s was also a time of economic prosperity. Though

we did still have a national debt, it was nowhere near \$17 trillion. The stock market was flourishing, and the economy continued to grow throughout the decade. The cost of living was extremely low compared to today's standards. Someone could actually earn a living from minimum wage. College tuition was actually affordable (Can you imagine?). The national average gas price never climbed above \$1.30 ... Let that sink in.

We also have to talk about what growing up in the '90s was actually like. We had great TV shows like *Rugrats*, *Dexter's Laboratory*, *All That*, and many more. The music of the '90s was extremely diverse. Nirvana exploded and started the grunge movement, and rap

really came into its own. In the later part of the decade, bands like NSYNC, The Spice Girls, TLC, The Backstreet Boys and Destiny's Child dominated the airwaves. We ate the original French Toast Crunch and drank the original Surge. We played with the original Super Soakers and Sock 'Em Bop 'Ems. We also had the Nintendo 64 and original Playstation, arguably two of the greatest gaming consoles of all time.

With all of these things happening in a single decade, it's really no wonder why we look back at the '90s in the way we do. Compared to the decades after, the '90s look like a utopia. Not to say that it was a perfect time, but it was pretty awesome to say the least.

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# Viewpoints

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"I don't know what to say right now."



"You can play all the notes in the world and never have played a second of music."



"Sleep is for the weak. I'll sleep when I'm dead."

## COLUMN

# Pumpkin spice: a fad gone too far

**Toshya Leonard**

Guest Writer

In case you haven't had the words, "Happy fall, y'all," uttered to you in a moment of horrific despair, then you must be aware that basic girls are digging the pumpkin spice season. With Starbucks, Smoothie King and McDonald's lowering themselves to the occasion, it seems as though pumpkin spice is falling into its own celebrity.

But let me spice the conversation up a bit, because until last month, Starbucks never actually put pumpkin in their lattes. According to ABC News, the franchise only decided to add real pumpkin after the "natural flavor" fad of other food companies like General Mills.

NPR's "Just What Is In Pumpkin Spice Flavor? (Hint: Not Pumpkin)" article claims that, "ingredients in a quart jug of pumpkin spice include sugar, condensed milk, annatto — which gives it that pumpkin-ish orange color — plus 'natural and artificial flavors'." And while it is simple to note Starbucks' seasonal change of heart, other companies are sticking to the artificial flavor because it is cheap, and what better way to please fall lovers everywhere than

to give them a sense of pumpkin puree with synthetic chemistry?

But don't let me rain on the pumpkin spice parade! Believe me, there are plenty of suppliers for the addiction. Besides coffee, you can also find pumpkin spice flavored potato and kale chips, vodka, Greek yogurt, Cliff bars, beer, Mini Wheats, Peeps, and cream cheese on shelves this autumn season. And it's not just an edible drug; it can also be snorted thanks to Yankee and Bath & Body Works candle collections.

And though my column will not cause a Washington D.C. movement, I urge you all to stop this flavor fad in its tracks. We cannot keep standing in line behind girls in Uggs at Starbucks who "ooh" and "ahh" over the seasonal flavor. We cannot bind ourselves to brands that can come up with no better flavor than a pumpkin pie rip-off. (I mean, what's next: fruit cake martinis and Bomb Pop hot dogs?) What we need is a cleansing of menus everywhere. We need to guide baristas to the natural flavors of coffee (like, uh... coffee).

Until then, we must suffer through the damage that pumpkin spice has wreaked on our palettes. Let us go forth and try our bests to prosper this fall season.



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## COLUMN

# Comedians discuss issues that are no laughing matter

**Chance Farmer**

Co-Executive Editor

Over the past few years, we've enjoyed comedians like Jon Stewart, Steven Colbert and John Oliver that talk about national and world news in a satirical manner.

Obviously, they are entertainers, but they actually point out a lot of serious issues both social and political, and in recent years, these comedians seem to be taken more seriously than actual politicians and main stream media. Have we come to a point where the only source of news we trust is from a comedian? Why do we take them so much more seriously than our elected officials and dedicated news media?

It's basically a general consensus that lawyers, politicians, and journalists are at the top of the list of least trustworthy professions. With so many high profile scandals involving politicians or journalists, it's really no wonder the general public distrusts them so much. But why trust a comedian of all people? After all, they are just entertainers. What could they possibly say that could taken seriously?

It's actually really simple. They can get away with saying things others can't. They see the same injustice we do. They are just as fed up with how things work as we are. The difference is that they have a platform to spread the message. They can and have actually inspired real change in this country.

Unlike politicians, these comedians are

not elected to their positions and are not afraid of losing your vote. John Oliver can get away with saying something way more offensive than your representatives in Congress, and he's done so on several occasions.

The same can be said for journalists. Journalists have to follow certain rules while presenting the news. While there are plenty of news commentators in media, there are still guidelines as to what can and cannot be said. Comedians don't have those guidelines. Because they are comedians and what they do is technically for entertainment, it's viewed more as satire and opinion in the eyes of the law.

Because they can get away with saying things that others can't, they have a bit more liberty to speak their mind, and

an overwhelming amount of people find themselves drawn to the message that these comedians are conveying.

You're frustrated with how things are, but you feel like you can't do anything about it. You feel like you don't have a say in how things are done. You don't feel like you're being represented. But here's somebody with a voice, who is speaking your mind and rallying people to a cause, who can actually inspire real change. How could you not be drawn to that?

Most importantly, just because they're a professional comedian doesn't mean they're not speaking the truth. Good comedy always hurts a little bit because it's truthful, and the truth hurts. Maybe we need a little comedy to wake us up to the truth.

# News



**Brian Holland**

Executive Editor, 1995

It looks like it's going to be the UTM Skyhawks.

That was the indication Wednesday after the mascot committee met in the UC with the Nashville public relations firm Dye Van Mol & Lawrence to discuss logo and mascot options for the new name.

Director of University Relations Bud Grimes, co-chair of the committee, said that although no formal vote has been taken, the committee has decided to go with the name "Skyhawks."

If the committee's recommendations are approved by Chancellor Margaret Perry, they will be officially announced May 1.

"I never heard a vote taken, but I'm assuming that's where we are," Grimes said. "To me, we have accepted [Dye Van Mol & Lawrence's] recommendation on the name. But we haven't accepted any symbols yet."

The logo was the focus of Wednesday's meeting, with the firm presenting two logo suggestions to the committee.

Though members said they liked what they saw, the committee

## Committee goes with 'Skyhawks'

asked the firm to improve the favored logo option and present it again next week.

Representatives from the firm presented two logos for the committee's consideration. The first logo depicts a hawk's head from a side view on aviator's bars, wearing a scarf with the word "Skyhawks" curved across the top.

The second, which representatives said is more contemporary and is their first choice, featured a stylized front view of a hawk, designed to look fierce and competitive. The word "Skyhawks" angles above, topped by the words "UT Martin."

"I felt today, although there wasn't an official vote, that the committee was in favor of the contemporary design," Grimes said. "I feel that's the one they'll go back and refine and try to make work."

"I think it's something...that will really catch on," said SGA Vice President Jennifer Yant. "The first time I saw it I got chills. I think that it's something really unique. I do agree that there should be some more refinements, such as a little more definition in the face."

The firm also recommended UTM create both a costumed skyhawk and use a live hawk. The costumed skyhawk, they

recommended, will have a face resembling the logo, wear a brown aviator jacket, gloves, a scarf and helmet, with goggles resting on its head. It will have a tail emerging from under its jacket, and its feet will be heavy, rounded talons.

Representatives showed a series of sketches portraying what the skyhawk mascot should look like. Some of the earlier sketches, they said, looked too mean, prompting them to create a more rounded physique that would be more friendly looking to children — much like Santa Claus or other jolly characters.

"What we came up with has more of a Warner Brothers feel," said Dye Van Mol & Lawrence Art Director Greg Boling. "It's a little bit more lovable — he's strong, he's tough, he's confident, but he's more like The Skipper on 'Gilligan's Island.' He's a big, strong, tough guy, but you're not afraid of him."

Boling said that there would be many unique things that related to the skyhawk that could attract fans to athletic events.

"He's got goggles," Boling said. "Maybe every time something good starts to happen [at athletic events] or every time he needs

a big charge or rally, he puts the goggles down and starts getting everybody cranked up. Maybe he pulls his scarf off and starts twirling it around the air like a 'terrible towel.' He's always got his jacket; maybe he could [open it] and flash the crowd the UTM logo [on his T-shirt]."

The firm also suggested numerous marketing techniques that could be used with the skyhawk to give UTM athletic events a unique atmosphere. UTM, they said, could sell Skyhawk costume items to fans such as skyhawk masks, beaks, aviator goggles, scarves, helmets and hats with hawk wings on the side.

"[These are] the types of things that ESPN or SportsSouth focus on when they look in the stands to see if there's any crowd atmosphere," said Dye Van Mol & Lawrence representative Spencer Moore.

At football games, representatives said, a parachuting skydiver could deliver the game ball, hawk talons could lead to the stadium, special seats could be created and called "skyboxes," and a "Hawk's Nest" could be created in the stands next to the cheerleaders.

At baseball and softball games,

they said, the mascot could maneuver a remote-controlled flying biplane with a stuffed mascot that hovers over the field prior to the game and between innings.

And at basketball games, the costumed mascot could descend from the rafters on a bungee cord at the start of each game and, tying to the aviation theme, UTM could conduct a paper airplane contest at halftime.

Other recommendations included creating a new fight song and creating a "UTM Talon Award" for top athletes or supporters.

The firm will present the improved logo sometime next week either at another meeting or by mail and conference call. Representatives said the next step of the project will be to approve the logo and mascot, develop camera-ready materials, further refine the mascot, develop a press kit and develop graphics standards sheets.

"There are some things that I have seen today that I certainly like," said Athletics Director Benny Hollis, who is the other co-chair of the committee. "What we want our consultants to do now is clarify the image of the skyhawk that is on the logo."

## UTM administrators create new rules for use of home pages on World Wide Web



**W. Matt Meyer**

Editorials Editor, 1995

Recently, UTM had to make a pit stop on the information highway.

A committee met Tuesday to discuss something very few people on this campus know about — the World Wide Web. The problem at hand involves the ever-growing Web and UTM's image as projected along that medium.

Those in the administration who control UTM publications on the home page are trying to work out a new system of approval for UTM-related information which is to be placed on this expanding electronic network of information.

This was one of the reasons a UTM Home Page committee was formed, said University Relations Director Bud Grimes. "We need to uphold the image of UTM in as clear and precise a manner as possible."

Dr. Ortha Britton, director of the Computer Center, said, "Up to this point, there has been no cross-check or approval process for pages or information that is on the UTM home page."

These two factors — a lack of a proper approval process and a desire to protect the image of UTM — caused Chancellor Margaret Perry to ask the Computer Center to ban the creation of any more pages for the Web site until guidelines are written for individuals who create these new pages.

Grimes cited three specific reasons Perry ordered such a freeze:

• Some facts were wrong. One page had said UTM has more than 6,000 students, rather than the actual

### What is World Wide Web?

For those of you who don't know, the World Wide Web is a global link of computers containing information about any subject imaginable. Software such as Netscape and a computing language called Hyper Text Markup Language (HTML) are used to make the Web possible.

The reason the Web is growing so rapidly is that universities, companies and individuals are setting up their computers as "sites" along the web with their own individual addresses. The outcome of much of this programming is called a "home page." These

5,600.

- There were several misspelled words.
- There was some offensive material. One student home page, which has since been removed, displayed pictures from *Penthouse* magazine.

"We need to put our best foot forward whenever we can," Perry said.

To discuss guidelines for the creation of official UTM pages on the Web, a committee has been formed, consisting of Britton; Edie Gibson, administrative assistant to the Chancellor; Grimes; Jim Fieser, assistant professor of Philosophy; Bob Bradley, computer analyst from the Computer Center; and Dale Dombrowski, director of publications for University Relations.

The ban on further creation of pages caused concern among students and faculty who were

involved with the pages. Grimes said a committee member representing several students said that there was concern that the administration would attempt to censor the pages and stifle creativity if these Web pages came under tight control.

In response to this, and after a two and a half hour meeting Tuesday, the committee decided on the following: "To alleviate student concern about the issues of control and censorship, we recommend to the chancellor that there be a disclaimer on the UTM home page to separate official and unofficial university information."

This proposal means that any official information on the home page must be added according to the guidelines that already govern creation of official UTM publications, as well as the ones that will be set forth by the committee and are specific to Web pages. These guidelines mainly concern issues of

of a number of "search engines" or looking up indexes such as "Yahoo," which is accessible from UTM's home page.

These search functions are programs commonly found on the Web which contain keyword searches of Web information or a subject directory which could lead to a list of anything, including university home pages, educational research, song lyrics or David Letterman's Top Ten lists.

From a social phenomenon standpoint, the Web is by its nature free form and experimental. The philosophy of most Web users is to advocate free speech, free information and free access.

spelling, style, typography and layout.

In addition, anyone on campus can create a page to be linked from the home page, and it will not have to meet the same kinds of official standards, Grimes said.

This proposal is still pending chancellor approval.

Fieser, who has helped with the creation of most of UTM's pages, said, "I have always been an advocate of free speech, and I am pleased with the outcome of the meeting."

Grimes was also glad that this hurdle has been cleared. "I believe that the [unofficial pages] will be self-policing and will not require the same kind of guidelines," Grimes said.

The only standards that these student pages must adhere to are the ones set forth in the student handbook, Grimes said.

The idea to separate the official information from the unofficial came after viewing the University of the

South's Web site, Grimes said. "It's very clear on their site what is official information and what isn't. If we followed that lead, we could maintain the integrity of freedom and protect the university from dissemination of unofficial information."

The other concern that was raised at the meeting was the further creation of pages for UTM. Until Chancellor Perry approves or disapproves the recommendation and until the administration reviews what is currently on the home page, there is to be no creation of new pages, Grimes said.

Also, the committee discussed hiring part-time workers — possibly students — to work with departments who are not on the UTM home page to write their own pages, once the creation process begins again, Bradley said.

"I think they are going to have to hire a couple of people to help do these pages," Bradley said. "Or it will be up to the department to draft a volunteer to learn the language and write their own pages."

Reflecting on the meeting, Grimes said, "In this field, things change so rapidly that we may be doing something completely different several months from now. But, if we can put together a policy which addresses this issue, then we will be ahead of many other schools which are not even looking into this issue," Grimes said.

Whatever happens in the next few months, Grimes said, "We have a knowledgeable group of people that can make this work and represent the needs of the students and faculty."

# News



## Statewide News Briefs

Associated Press

### New campaign aims to curb illegal gun purchases in Nashville

A new advertising campaign in Nashville aims to cut down the number of illegal firearms purchases.

Billboards around the area are carrying the slogan, "Buy a gun for someone who can't, buy yourself 10 years in jail. Don't lie for the other guy."

The campaign runs throughout October and also includes 30-second radio announcements.

Representatives of the firearms industry and law enforcement introduced the campaign at a Wednesday news conference. Officials said there are no statistics on how many guns are purchased using straw buyers each year.

Linda McFayden-Ketchum, with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, said her group supports the effort. She believes many Tennessee residents don't know the practice is against the law.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation is sponsoring the campaign.

### Two injured in small plane crash

Authorities say two people have been injured when a small plane crashed in an East Tennessee cow pasture.

Knoxville police say the two suffered non-life-threatening injuries Wednesday morning when the plane went down. According to media reports, both were taken to the University of Tennessee Hospital.

The Federal Aviation Administration said in a statement that the aircraft had taken off from the Downtown Island Airport just before the crash.

Authorities are still investigating what caused the plane to go down.

### Two men charged in deadly 1999 Nashville theater shooting

Nashville police say two men have been charged in the 1999 shooting death of a security guard outside a movie theater.

Police said Tuesday that a Davidson County grand jury recently returned a sealed indictment charging 58-year-old Keith Darnell Henry and 54-year-old Derek Wyche of Newark, New Jersey, with first-degree murder and especially aggravated robbery.

Police said Henry is serving a life sentence for murder in Smith State Prison in Georgia. Wyche was arrested Tuesday in Newark.

They are charged in the Oct. 3, 1999, death of 26-year-old Brandon Brewer. Police said Brewer was shot in the head and 23-year-old theater manager Heather Finney, who was carrying three bank bags, was wounded after being confronted by two robbers. Brewer died at the scene, and Finney survived.

### Audit recommends changes to state prison assault reporting

An audit of Tennessee prisons is recommending the Correction Department change the way it classifies assaults.

If adopted, the department will likely see a spike in prison violence, at least on paper.

That's because currently an assault on staff where no one is injured is classified as "staff-inmate provocation," which is considered a nonviolent offense.

Richard Stalder is one of the auditors for the American Correctional Association. Speaking at a Wednesday meeting of the Senate Corrections Subcommittee, Stalder explained the recommended change this way: "If I swing a baseball bat at your head and just barely miss you, it should be sanctioned the same way whether I hit you or not."

The audit also recommended moving correctional officers from a 28-day work schedule to a 14-day schedule.

## Going against the grain: a UTM social experiment

**Toshya Leonard**

Guest Writer

The word "project" brings to mind dreaded group work, essays, and PowerPoint presentations, but when Sociology professor Dr. Lindsay Anderson told her class that they would be graded on "breaking the rules of society," the assignment took on a whole new meaning.

Anderson's assignment was for students to go out in public and break the norms that society codes itself by.

Anderson said, "The assignment was meant to teach students how protective people are of norms and how uncomfortable the students themselves would be with breaking the norms and self-censoring."

Some students definitely stepped out of their comfort zones. Of the many interpretations of breaking the norm, several students dressed up in different costumes and personified characters that were a tad out of touch with the real world. One female student dressed as a Toddlers and Tiaras contestant and began to cry when she was called out in band practice. Another female student dressed as Peter Pan.

There was also a male student who dressed as Batman and another who dressed as Tom Sawyer, straw in mouth and no shoes for authenticity. One student, Blake Cooper, dressed as a wizard with a full white beard, staff and robe. A few students also wore morph suits which, in Anderson's opinion, were almost so nonchalant that it was somewhat concerning.

While other instances were not in costume, the actions were just as jaw-dropping. A few students stole seats in class. Others took selfies with strangers.

One particularly brave student decided to pass out condoms to people on campus. Another decided to go to Wendy's and bring her own cheese to put on her burger. A male student greeted friends in French fashion, by kissing them on the cheek. Emily Stewart decided to go to class in her pajamas and sleep in random places on campus.

Many of the assignments took place in the Martin Walmart. From a student yelling out their grocery items for all shoppers to hear to another, Joshua Coleman, dressing as a bunny and strolling down aisles, it seems that Walmart was the best place to be surprised.

And while some people rolled their eyes, gawked, or fled in

terror, a lot of the reactions were positive. Selfies led to new Facebook friends, kisses on the cheek landed a guy a girl's phone number, and other charades were said to have "made peoples' days."

With these positive reactions, many students in the class recounted that they need to step out of their comfort zones more often to meet new people and learn new lessons about the world.

Just because the city of Martin did not know exactly how to react to the students' work does not mean that the idea of "breaking the norm" is new. In fact, Anderson was involved in a project on the same subject in her college days. As a freshman, she decided that for her assignment, she would face the back of an elevator when other people stepped on, and she found that others would be so confused that they would look up at the back of the elevator in search of what she was staring at.

Shock factors aside, the project provided some campus entertainment, as well as a much needed new perspective for both sociology students and passersby.

## Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement is reached, still faces challenges

**Chance Farmer**

Co-Executive Editor

After years of negotiation, the Trans-Pacific Partnership reached final agreement on Monday, Oct. 4.

A total of 12 Pacific Rim nations make up the TPP, making it the largest regional trade accord in history. Together, TPP member nations account for 40 percent of the world's economy.

According to CNN Money, both the world's largest and third largest economies are involved: the United States and Japan. The other countries include Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam.

The agreement between nations might have been finalized, but now it must face months of scrutiny from the United States Congress, of which there is plenty.

Lawmakers from both sides of the aisle have criticized the agreement for "falling short in crucial areas," raising the prospect that the White House could lose the support of allies that backed the president's trade push earlier in the year, according to The Washington Post.

The first steps are expected to begin later this week, as the White House will formally send a notice of intent to sign the agreement to Congress, which begins a 90-day waiting period. The first 30 days of this period will give Congress the chance to review the documents and consult with the administration. For the following 60 days, the full trade agreement will be open to the public, giving interest groups a chance to provide feedback. Poor reception during this phase could mean difficulty for the White House to rally support when it comes time for Congress to vote.

Next, the U.S. International Trade Commission must conduct a full economic review of the agreement. The agency has up to 105 days to finish this review, but the process could take much less time.

After the review is complete, the bill will be introduced to the House and the Senate, where Congress has a maximum of 90 days to approve or disapprove.

Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) is one of several vocal detractors of the partnership, claiming that it does not provide enough benefit for the United States.

"Closing a deal is an achievement for our nation only if it works for the American people and can pass Congress by meeting the high-standard objectives laid out in bipartisan Trade Promotion Authority," said Sen. Hatch. "While the details are still emerging, unfortunately I am afraid this deal appears to fall woefully short. ... The Trans-Pacific Partnership is a once in a lifetime opportunity and the United States should not settle for a mediocre deal that fails to set high-standard trade rules in the Asia-Pacific region for years to come."

Other lawmakers support Sen. Hatch's concern for the perceived lack of benefit for the U.S.

"We have to get this agreement right, which is why no one should be surprised if the 90-day period results in additional changes, particularly since many of these issues are the subjects of bilateral negotiations," said Rep. Sander Levin (D-Michigan). "The most important objective is to get the strongest agreement that benefits American workers and the U.S. economy for generations. The role of Congress now is as important as ever."

# News

## 2015 Miss UTM scholarship pageant details revealed

**Alexandra Barros**

Guest Writer

An informational session for the Miss UTM Scholarship Pageant will be held for interested young women on Monday, Oct. 12 at 8 p.m. in the Harriet Fulton Theatre on the UTM campus.

The pageant will be hosted at the Harriet Fulton Theatre on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.

Contestants will be scored in multiple categories, including a private interview with the judges, lifestyle and fitness, talent, evening wear and an on-stage question. To be eligible for the Miss UTM crown, interested contestants must be full-time students at UTM through Spring 2016 and be 17-24 years old. The winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship and advance to the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant held in Jackson, Tennessee the following summer.

Shelby Dotson, the 2015 winner of the pageant, says that her time as Miss UTM has been a one-of-a-kind experience, and that her decision to participate was influenced primarily by her father.

"My dad had always told me he wanted me to compete in UTM's preliminary pageant for Miss Tennessee," said Dotson. "This became a goal of mine when my dad was diagnosed with stage 4 Colon Cancer in January. I actually almost did not compete because of everything with my dad going on at that time, but he told me he wanted me to go through with it. When they called out my name to be Miss UTM 2015, that was the most humbling moment of my life. I burst into tears not solely because I had finally obtained my goal, but because I had won for my dad. He gave me the biggest hug that night, and I was honored to see him so proud."

Dotson said that her preparation for the pageant helped her gain valuable life skills.

"Overall, it just really made me become more confident as a person, and I met so many new friends," said Dotson. "One of the scariest parts of the entire competition for me [was] the private interview, but I actually really enjoyed preparing for it because I knew about all of the current events going on in the world

today. Working on my talent performance and getting my body fit months before the pageant got old at times, but there's nothing like finally hitting Jackson's big stage and showing everyone all the hard work you've put in."

"If you are looking to find personal growth, compete in the Miss America system," Dotson continued. "It's not just a pageant, it is a program that helps young women strive to be the best they can be and even awards them scholarship money to help them obtain their education. I am so honored to have been given this opportunity, and I would recommend trying it out to any girl interested."

Dotson also said that she looks forward to crowning her successor in November.

The Miss UT Martin and Miss Tennessee Scholarship Organization is part of the Miss America Organization, the world's largest scholarship provider for women. The organization awards over \$5 million in scholarships every year.

For more information about the scholarship program, please contact Katrina Cobb via phone at (731) 234-9197, or by email at [kcobb@wljt.org](mailto:kcobb@wljt.org).

## Controversial 'Right to Die' bill moves forward in California

**Chance Farmer**

Co-Executive Editor

California Governor Jerry Brown signed the controversial "Right to Die" bill into law on Monday, Oct. 4.

"The crux of the matter is whether the state of California should continue to make it a crime for a dying person to end his life, no matter how great his pain and suffering," Brown said.

Until signing it into law, Brown had not made clear his position on ABX2 15, also called the "End of Life Option Act," according to CNN. Brown explained that his decision was personal.

"I do not know what I would do if I were dying in prolonged and excruciating pain," Brown said in a letter addressed to state lawmakers. "I am certain, however, that it would be a comfort to be able to consider the options afforded by this bill. And I wouldn't deny that right to others."

However, the bill was not unopposed. Californians

Against Assisted Suicide called the governor's rationale flawed, and said in a statement that policymakers should have first thought about how the law affects those less fortunate instead of the well-connected like Brown.

"As someone of wealth and access to the world's best medical care and doctors, the governor's background is very different than that of millions of Californians living in health care poverty without that same access," the coalition said. The coalition also added that it was "reviewing all of its options moving forward."

Meanwhile, a judge in Tennessee has ruled against the assisted suicide of a former gubernatorial candidate who is terminally ill, saying that doctors engaging in such a practice are committing "criminal conduct." While state law allows a person to refuse end-of-life care, assisted suicide is illegal.

According to The Tennessean, John Jay Hooker has terminal cancer

and has doctors who have expressed a willingness to prescribe him a lethal dose of painkillers. Doctors sought protection from prosecution if Hooker was prescribed the drugs, however, Chancellor Carol McCoy ruled against Hooker and the doctors, saying that they "do not have standing to bring this action."

"The aid-in-dying prescription involves a script for a lethal dose of medication to cause quick death, not to provide palliative care to relieve physical pain and discomfort, as is allowed," said McCoy. "If the physicians intend to provide lethal drugs to end their patients' lives, they engage in criminal conduct."

"It is a sad day for the rule of law, and that the judge has claimed that I and others who have a terminal illness don't have legal standing to raise the question about the right of the state to determine whether or not you can take your own life," Hooker said. "The fact is, that's an error."

## UTM faculty member to announce candidacy for state House seat

**Rachel Moore**

Guest Writer

A UTM faculty member will be announcing his candidacy for 76th District State Representative today.

Dr. David Belote has worked at UTM for 39 years, 25 of which he has been an instructor and facilitator for the UT Leadership Institute. He considers his time at Martin to be of utmost value, and assures his classes that this candidacy will only further his abilities in the classroom.

Belote says that his time at UTM has greatly helped him get to this point.

"I've been trained well here at the university," said Belote.

Belote describes instructing higher education as "worthy" and "complex." He places an extreme emphasis on the importance of higher education institutes in communities and knows that colleges such as UTM, Bethel University and Jackson State compose a very strong portion of the 76th district.

In the Weakley County Courthouse in Dresden at 5 p.m. today, Belote will announce his status as a Republican candidate for the office of state representative for the 76th District, which encompasses parts of Carroll and Obion counties and the entirety of Weakley County. Tennessee's house is currently split in party affiliation, but the majority lies with the Republican Party, who hold 73 of the house's 99 seats.

Representatives maintain the position for a two-year term. If elected, Belote hopes



David Belote will announce his candidacy for the 76th District seat in the Tennessee House of Representatives on Thursday. Belote will challenge incumbent Rep. Andy Holt to be the seat's Republican candidate. | File Photo

to get into the communities and listen, so that he can draw people together. He encourages his friends, students and colleagues to support and vote the beliefs of their heart, even if they do not necessarily align with his campaign. Belote says that it is his sincere hope that he is able to be a listener for all views and all people, and that he is proud of the accomplishments he and his organizations have motivated in the local area thus far. Belote also said that he hopes to always be working at creating relationships that ensure unity and forward motion in the 76th district.

"I always tell my students, 'To get good things done, you have to create relationships,'" Belote said.



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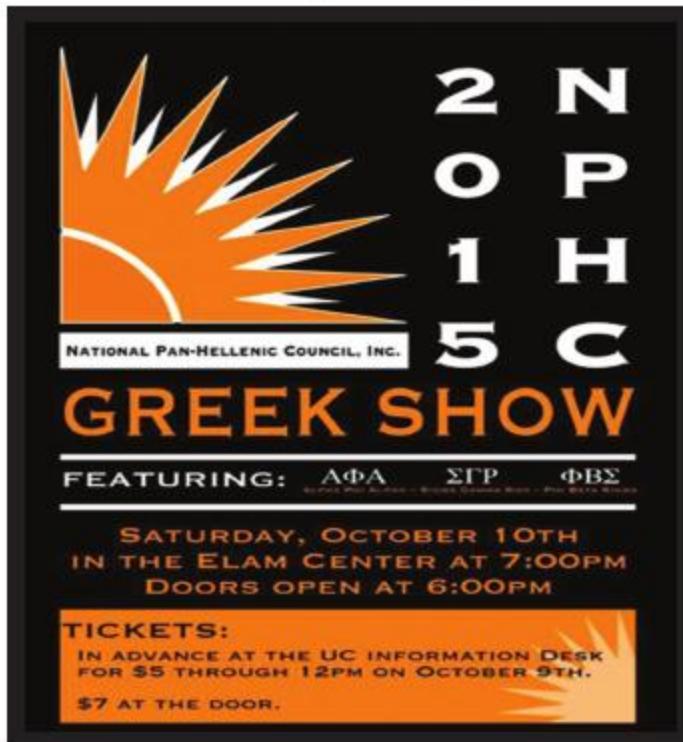
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# Arts & Entertainment

## NPHC prepares for annual Step Show



**Skyler Freeman**

Staff Writer

The National Pan-Hellenic Council Homecoming Step Show will host its annual Homecoming Step Show Saturday, October 10 at 7 p.m. in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center.

This year's show will be slightly different because of the nine organizations in the NPHC only three are stepping. The organizations stepping for competition are Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority.

There will be special performances by members of Delta Sigma Theta, Iota Phi Theta, Zeta Phi Beta and the newly formed dance team.

Advance tickets are still available to purchase in the University Center for \$5 but will be \$7 at the door the night of the stepshow.

The NPHC step show has been a part of Martin's Homecoming festivities for years, and the battle for the first-place prize and trophy is at its peak as the day gets closer.

Justin Shipp, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha says, "Expectations of the Alphas in the step show will not be lowered. We will live by our brand, 'The Standard', strive for the Gold and be back-to-back champs."

Last year, the members of Alpha Phi Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta took home the first place trophy at the stepshow.

Since the ladies of

Sigma Gamma Rho are the only sorority stepping, congratulations are already in order as they are the winner of the 2015 NPHC Step Show.

Over the years, Step Show wins for fraternities have been at a toss up between the Alphas and Sigmas.

"We are better prepared and more determined to win this year. We have a great show to put on for the student body, and we will let our show do the rest of the talking," says senior, Psychology major, Skyler Austin.

This is an intense time for performers of the organizations participating, and those who plan to attend the show are undoubtedly ready to see what each group has to bring to the table.

## Homecoming tradition: Womanless Beauty Review

**Lyndsey Hayslett**

Managing Editor

The UTM chapter of PRSSA will be hosting the Womanless Beauty Review tonight at 7 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium. This is the fourteenth year that PRSSA has hosted the event that raises money for the organization. Originally, PRSSA did not set out to start a homecoming tradition.

"We were sitting in a room brainstorming about what we could do, and a student said they had done this at her church. At the time, I thought, 'This isn't really something that would probably work,' but we did it anyway," said Dr. Jeff Hoyer, UTM communications professor and PRSSA faculty advisor. The womanless beauty review has been a hit from then on. It's been a part of every homecoming week since.

"I've been called and asked

if we were doing it[the beauty review]. It has become part of the fabric of that week that makes it special," said Hoyer.

Although the event was originally created as fundraiser for PRSSA, Hoyer says it's much more than that.

"For the PRSSA students, it's a large-enough event, even though it only takes place in one evening, they really get to work first-hand at event planning," he said. "They learn coordinating skills, and at the

same time they realize that something can be humorous or fun and still at the same time reach the goals you want."

The womanless beauty review is a great time for the entire campus. It brings all everyone on campus together.

"A group that has three people in it can compete head on with an organization that has 200 people in it. It all depends on who they'll get up there to compete," said Hoyer. "It's one thing on campus that brings

the Greeks and the non-Greek organizations together on equal footing, and I think it's good because it does build bridges and people get to interact with each other that normally probably don't have that opportunity."

Tickets to the womanless beauty review are \$5. Finalists will receive trophies, and the winner will be crowned. A portion of the proceeds from the event will be awarded to the winner's charity organization of choice.

## Disney finds voice of new princess

**Bariana Woods**

Arts and Entertainment Editor

Disney announced Oct. 7 Auli'i Cravalho as the voice of their newest princess, Moana.

After months and months of auditioning, Cravalho, a 14 year-old Hawaiian native, was chosen among the hundreds of candidates across the Pacific Islands.

"When I was little, I used to dance around the house, singing at the top of my lungs. In my mind, that was performing, and I loved the feeling of it. But I never imagined being in a Disney movie, being Moana—representing my culture in that way," she said in a news release.

Adding to the legacy of Disney princesses, Moana brings more diversity to the lineup. She is the first Polynesian princess.

Disney animations have been working on Moana for over a year and are excited for its release Nov. 23, 2016.

The movie will also star Dwayne Johnson, better known as "The Rock."

"Excited to star as "Maui"

in Disney's next big animated musical, MOANA. Incredible story! \*\*clears throat #TimeToSing," He tweeted Dec. 3, 2014.

According to Entertainment Weekly, "In the film, Moana and Maui battle monsters of the deep and explore an underworld where the ocean is the ceiling above them. There, they encounter the ancient ones, but they also cross paths with a vengeful island spirit made of molten lava, the Guardian of Te Fiti."

In an interview with People, magazine, Cravalho expressed, "I am very excited about that [working with Johnson], my gosh," The soprano who participates in her school's glee club continues "I've never heard him sing before so it's going to be really interesting!"

"I feel like it's good to have diversity among the princesses. All little girls should be able to have a princess that looks like them," says senior computer science major Domonix Gibson.

Disney fans can expect the upcoming adventure next year.



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# Sports

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at

UTM Skyhawks  
(2-2, 1-1 OVC)

2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015  
Hardy Graham Stadium, Martin, Tennessee  
TV: American Sports Network, OVC Digital Network  
Radio: WCMT 101.3, WUTM 90.3



at



UTM Skyhawks  
Austin Peay Governors

4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015  
Governors Stadium, Clarksville, Tennessee  
TV: OVC Digital Network  
Radio: WCMT 101.3, WUTM 90.3

### Women's Soccer

1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11 - at Eastern Kentucky  
EKU Soccer Field, Richmond, Kentucky

7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16 - Jacksonville State  
Skyhawk Field, Martin, Tennessee

2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18 - Belmont  
Skyhawk Field, Martin, Tennessee

### Cross-Country

Evansville Invitational  
Evansville, Indiana  
11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17

### Golf

APSU Intercollegiate  
Sunday, Oct. 18 - Tuesday, Oct. 20  
The Links at Novadell, Hopkinsville, Kentucky

### Volleyball

6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9 - Morehead State  
Skyhawk Fieldhouse, Martin, Tennessee

11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 - Eastern Kentucky  
Skyhawk Fieldhouse, Martin, Tennessee

7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16 - at Eastern Illinois  
Lantz Arena, Charleston, Illinois

2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 - at SIUE  
Sam M. Vadalabene Center, Edwardsville, Illinois

### Rifle

Saturday, Oct. 19 - at Jacksonville State  
Gamecock Rifle Range, Jacksonville, Alabama

Monday, Oct. 21 - at North Georgia  
Col. Raymond C. Hamilton Rifle Range,  
Dahlonega, Georgia

### Rodeo

MSU Racer Roundup  
Thursday, Oct. 15 - Saturday, Oct. 17  
William Cherry Agricultural Exposition Center  
Murray, Kentucky

## Skyhawks will host in-state rival Tennessee State for Homecoming

**Jared Peckenpaugh**

Sports Editor

The Skyhawk football team will host in-state rival and Ohio Valley Conference foe Tennessee State in a Homecoming showdown on Saturday afternoon.

The Skyhawks and the Tigers will meet for the 24th time with the first meeting dating back to Nov. 6, 1976 (TSU leads the series 15-9). In last year's meeting, the Skyhawks held off a Tennessee State comeback and escaped Nashville with a 21-16 win. Now, the Skyhawks will try to make it two wins in-a-row in a series that has been very back-and-forth.

Last week, the Skyhawks (2-2, 1-1 OVC) traveled to Cookeville, Tennessee and came home victorious with a 31-17 win over Tennessee Tech. In the game, UTM quarterback Jarod Neal went 25-of-43 passing with 248 passing yards and four touchdowns. The defense also stepped up big in the game, recording one interception and eight sacks. The win gave the Skyhawks their first conference win of the season and the early lead in the Sgt. York Trophy

series, which is given to the top OVC team from the state of Tennessee. A win on Saturday over Tennessee State will give them total control heading into next week's matchup against Austin Peay.

Tennessee State (3-1, 1-1 OVC) will be well rested and ready for the Skyhawks this Saturday. The Tigers are coming into this matchup off of an open week following their 30-14 win over Florida A&M. In that game, FAMU led 14-7 at the 12:05 mark in the third quarter, but the Tigers rallied back, scoring 23 unanswered points. Tennessee State quarterback Ronald Butler went 17-of-30 with 238 passing yards, three touchdowns and one interception.

So far this season, both schools have found immediate success passing the football. UTM ranks second in the conference in pass offense (288.5 yards per game) and first in pass efficiency (154.1). Tennessee State ranks third in passing offense (228.5 yards per game) and second in pass efficiency (142.9), right behind UTM.

Defensively, Tennessee State edges out UTM in total defense, giving up an average of 377

yards of total offense per game, which currently ranks fourth in the OVC. UTM ranks fifth in the OVC, allowing an average of 405 yards of total offense per game. However, UTM has the much better pass defense, allowing an average of 182 passing yards (second in OVC) compared to TSU's 240 passing yards (fifth in OVC).

At Monday's weekly press conference, UTM head coach Jason Simpson had this to say.

"We're excited to be back at home," said Simpson, who has a 5-3 record against the Tigers. "The things that are working against us are: they've had a week off to prepare and a week off to get over any injuries they might have had. They're a quality team, their 3-1."

"It's not different than any other, it's going to be a second half game, a fourth quarter game just like it was last year when we played them at their place."

Kickoff between the Skyhawks and the Tigers is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10. The game will be broadcast on the American Sports Network and will be streamed for free on the internet on the OVC Digital Network.

## UTM Golf rounds out another successful Skyhawk Fall Classic with second place team finish

**Sports Information**

The University of Tennessee at Martin golf team jumped up a spot in the standings to finish the Skyhawk Fall Classic with a second-place finish in the 11-team tournament field.

The Skyhawks posted a third round tally of 285 (-3) today, which was the second-best score of the day behind Alabama State, who shot a 283 on its way to the team championship with a final score of 846 (-18). UT Martin leapfrogged fellow Ohio Valley Conference member Murray State today, finishing the tournament with an 853 (-11).

"It was a great golf tournament, thanks to Paris Landing and the staff there for having the course in top-notch condition yet again," Skyhawk head coach Jerry Carpenter said. "Congratulations to Alabama State - they played some really good golf this week. I'm very proud of our team. Last night

I asked them to play the best they could and if we shot under par, we could be in the hunt. We got under par, which was tough today with hole locations and high winds. We played really well but Alabama State was just better."

UT Martin boasted four top-11 finishers in the event, led by Hunter Richardson and a bogey-free round out of Gavin Shellnut. Richardson accounted for his second top-five finish in as many weeks, as he tied for third place with a 209 (-7) after carding a 70 in today's final round. Following closely behind was Shellnut, who generated the first top-five finish of his career with a 69 today on his way to a 211 (-5) for the tournament.

Ben Reeves was responsible for his second consecutive top-10 finish, as he placed eighth with a 217 (+1) after shooting a 71 in today's third round. Tyler Guy finished 11th with a 220 (+4) after carding a 75 today while Austin Swafford (82

today) finished at 230 (+14) for the tournament.

Individually, Ross Redmont turned in the best outing of his young career - shooting an even-par 72 today to place 14th in the field with a 221 (+5). Also competing individually were Maison Felkins (74 today, +7 overall) and Cameron Smith (75 today, +8 overall), who finished 19th and 22nd, respectively.

"I'm proud of Hunter and Gavin for earning spots on the all-tournament team after incredibly impressive rounds today," Carpenter said. "I'm also proud of the three freshmen who played as individuals. They each played well and picked up some valuable experience that will help them contribute to the program."

The Skyhawks will take next week off from official competition before returning to action on Oct. 18-20 at the APSU Intercollegiate, held at The Links at Novadell in Hopkinsville, Ky.

### Women's Tennis

UAH Round Up - Montgomery, Alabama  
Friday, Oct. 9 - Saturday, Oct. 10

ITA Regionals - West Lafayette, IN  
Sunday, Oct. 18 - Tuesday, Oct. 20

### Equestrian

Friday, Oct. 9 - New Mexico State\*  
Friday, Oct. 9 - Fresno State\*

Saturday, Oct. 10 - at Baylor\*

\*all events will be held at the Willis Equestrian Center